

CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION (SCC)
MILPITAS CITY HALL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES
November 20, 2014

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** Vice Chair Serpa called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Commissioners present: Arefi, Chen, Grilli, Mateo, Serpa. Commissioner absent: Arbaugh, Hardin. Alternate Commissioners absent: Chang, P., Chang, T.

Council Liaison Montano: Present
MHS Student Liaison Mikayla Horyza: Absent
MUSD Liaison Gunawan Alisantosa: Absent
Staff Liaison Leslie Stobbe: Present

- II. Alternates Seating of** No Alternate Commissioners were seated.

- III. Allegiance Pledge of** Not conducted.

- IV. Minutes** MOTION to approve the minutes of October 23, 2014
M / S: Arefi / Chen Ayes: All

- V. Agenda** MOTION to approve the agenda of November 20, 2014.
M / S: Chen / Arefi Ayes: All

- VI. Announcements:** None.

- VII. Public Forum:** None.

VIII. Old Business

1. Fundraising Presentation & Workshop

The SCC reviewed the presentation with positive comments. Discussion followed regarding the potential for fundraising. Possible opportunities were reviewed. The question was raised whether the SCC was ready to engage in event-based fundraising activities. Vice Chair Serpa requested this subject be placed on the January agenda.

2. Student E-Pal Project

Staff reported that several email addresses from Dagupan were being corrected. There is also clarification needed between Tsukuba and Milpitas regarding the listing of students on the website. Other than this, the communications between students is going well.

3. Sister City Commission Promotional Expenses

Staff reported that of the expenses totaling \$1,444.02 as of July 1, 2015, \$1,361.76 was spent on the Dagupan visit of students and officials.

4. Tsukuba City, Japan

Staff reported that the MOU signed on October 7, 2014 was mailed to Tsukuba officials along with a letter from Mayor Esteves to Mayor Ichihara.

5. City of Dagupan, Philippines

Staff reported details of the visit with Dagupan students and officials. Discussion followed regarding a schedule to host sister city students next year. This item will be added to the January agenda.

6. Huizhou Municipality, China

Staff noted that, other than the E-Pal Project, there are no new developments.

IX. City Council Liaison Report

Council Liaison reported that a new senior assisted living complex on S. Main St. and Cedar Way was approved by the City Council. She also noted the closing of negotiations with the firefighters union.

X. School District Liaison Report – None

XI. Future Agenda Items – Reviewed with these changes:

1. Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges
 - i. Tsukuba, Japan
 - ii. Dagupan, Philippines
 - iii. Huizhou, China
2. Figline-Incisa, Italy
3. Sister Cities on City Welcome Signs
4. Sports Promotion Presentation
5. Review of Future Student Visits

XII. Adjournment

No further business was discussed. Chair Grilli requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. until the regular meeting of January 22, 2015.

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting of November 20, 2014 to the regular meeting of January 22, 2015.

M / S: Grilli / Mateo

Ayes: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Stobbe
Staff Liaison